Dear Family,

Your child is learning to solve story problems called *change plus* and *change minus* problems. These problems begin with a given quantity that is then modified by change—something is added or subtracted—which results in a new quantity.

Proof Drawings show what your child was thinking when solving the problem. It is important that children label their drawings to link them to the problem situation.

### Change Plus Problem

Joe had 9 toy cars.
Then he got 3 more.
How many toy cars does he have now?

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9 + 3 = 12
\]

had 9  got 3  now 12

### Change Minus Problem

Sue had 12 books.
Then she gave her friend 9 books.
How many books does Sue have now?

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12 - 9 = 3
\]

had 12  gave 9  now 3

gave 9  now 3

Please call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping your child learn about change plus and change minus problems.

Sincerely,
Your child’s teacher